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(Docket No. SYN-106CN)

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Title:	GENETIC CONTROL OF)		
	FRUIT RIPENING)		
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to substantive review, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Specification:

On page 1, between the title on line 1 and the first paragraph on line 3, please insert the following heading and paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a continuation of now-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09,242,860 filed March 29, 1999, which is a national application derived from International application Serial No. PCT/GB97/02424 filed on September 8, 1997 and designating the United States.

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